A rich, detailed still life composition featuring a variety of Jamaican produce. In the foreground, a large, bright red hibiscus flower is prominent on the left, next to a green coconut. To the right, a large, orange pumpkin sits on a light-colored stone ledge. Behind it, a bunch of dark green leafy herbs, possibly basil, is visible. To the left of the pumpkin, two small terracotta pots are filled with dark red beans, with more beans spilled out on the surface in front of them. In the background, more coconuts and a bundle of green stalks, possibly okra or similar vegetables, are visible. The overall scene is a celebration of local food and culture.

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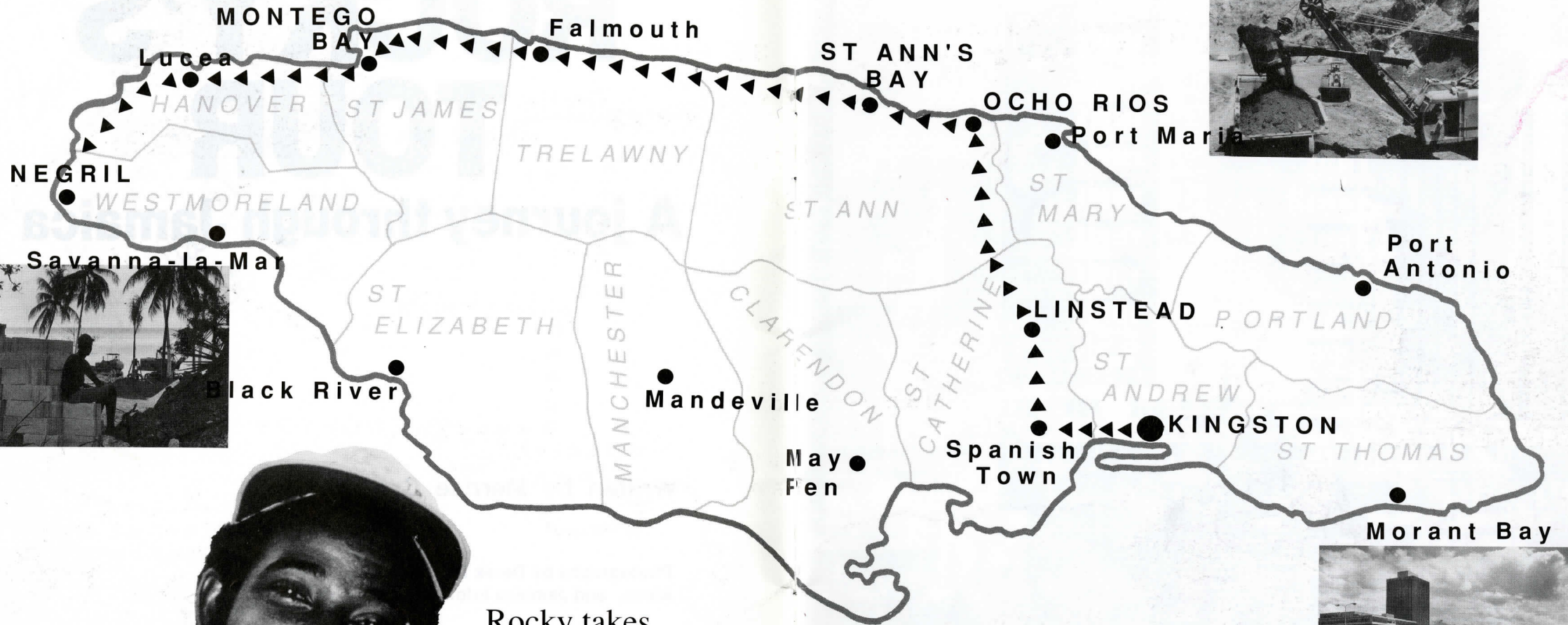
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Rocky takes  
us on a tour  
of Jamaica.

We are going from Kingston to Negril.

Rocky shows us some of Jamaica's  
main industries.





Kingston is the capital of Jamaica.

This city is the main centre  
for business and commerce.  
There are shops, offices, banks,  
hotels, schools, and hospitals.

This is a busy city street  
in Kingston.

Many people live and work  
in the city.





This is Carmen.

Carmen is the manageress of a large department store in Kingston. Many people work in the store.

At the store you can buy clothes, shoes, furniture, books and food.

Sometimes Rocky sells his carvings in Carmen's store.





From Kingston we go  
to Linstead.

There is a famous song about  
Linstead market.

At the market you can buy  
yams, bananas, breadfruit, coconuts  
coffee and ackee.

Many of these fruits and vegetables  
are exported to other countries.

From Linstead we now go over  
the mountains to Ocho Rios.







This is Dunns River Falls  
in Ocho Rios. Dunns River Falls  
is one of Jamaica's most famous  
beauty spots.

Tourists like to go to Dunns River Falls.  
Tourism is now a major  
industry in Jamaica.



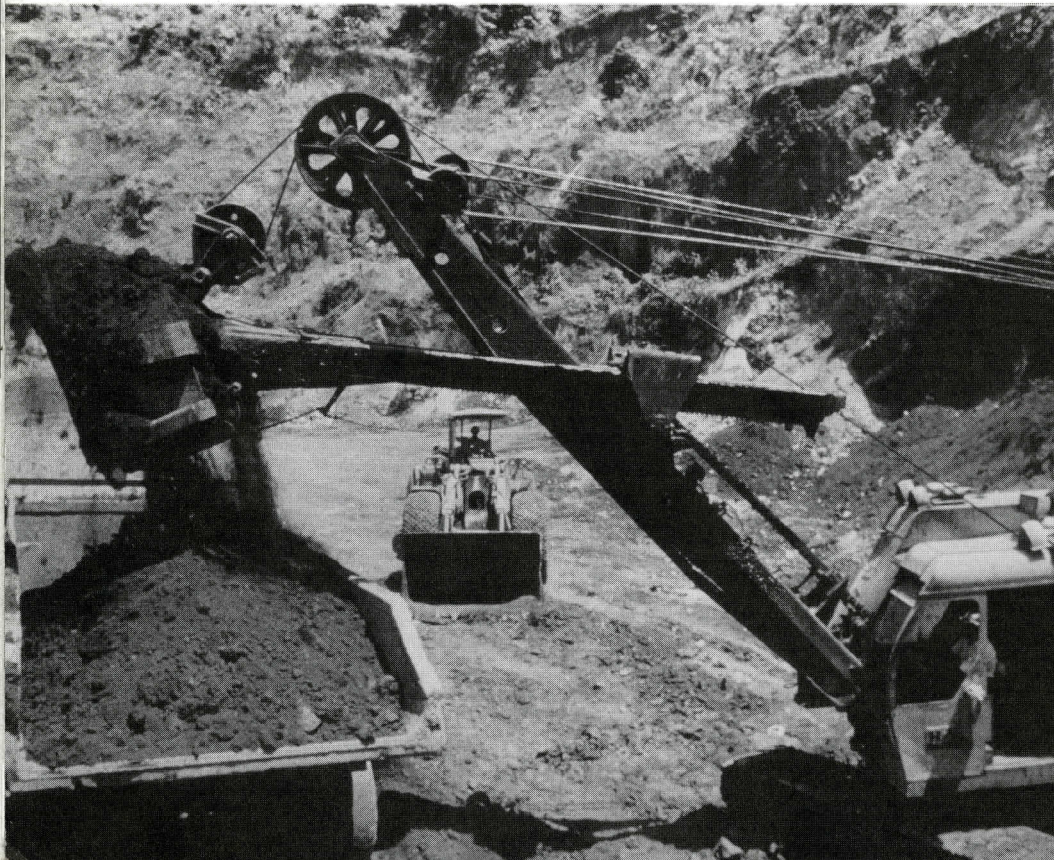


This is a bauxite mine in the Parish of St. Ann.

Bauxite is one of Jamaica's main industries. Bauxite is a mineral which is mined from the earth.

Aluminium is made from bauxite.

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This is Delroy. Delroy is a Scientist at the bauxite mine. He tests the bauxite for purity.

Jamaica sells bauxite to other counties.



Along the road from St. Ann  
is Montego Bay.

Montego Bay is one of the  
main tourist areas.

Tourists come from countries  
such as the United States of America,  
Britain, and Canada.

There are many large hotels  
and beautiful beaches in  
Montego Bay.

There is an airport  
in Montego Bay. It is called  
Donald Sangster airport.

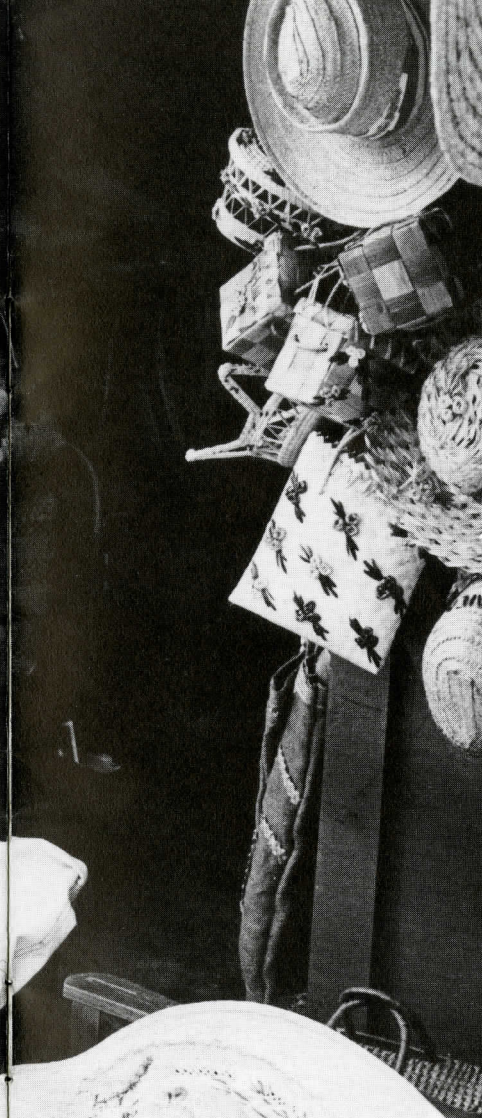




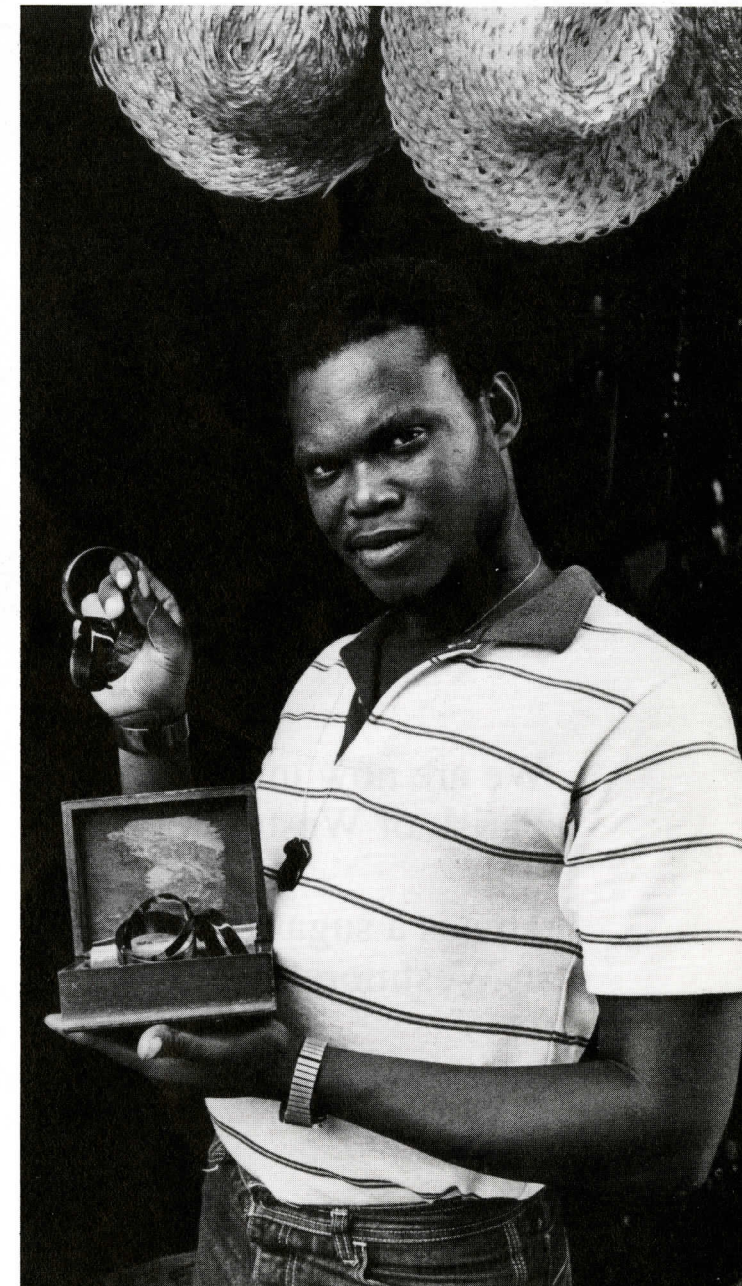


This is the craft market in Montego Bay.

Tourists can buy souvenirs  
in the craft market.



This man is selling souvenir  
bracelets in the craft market.



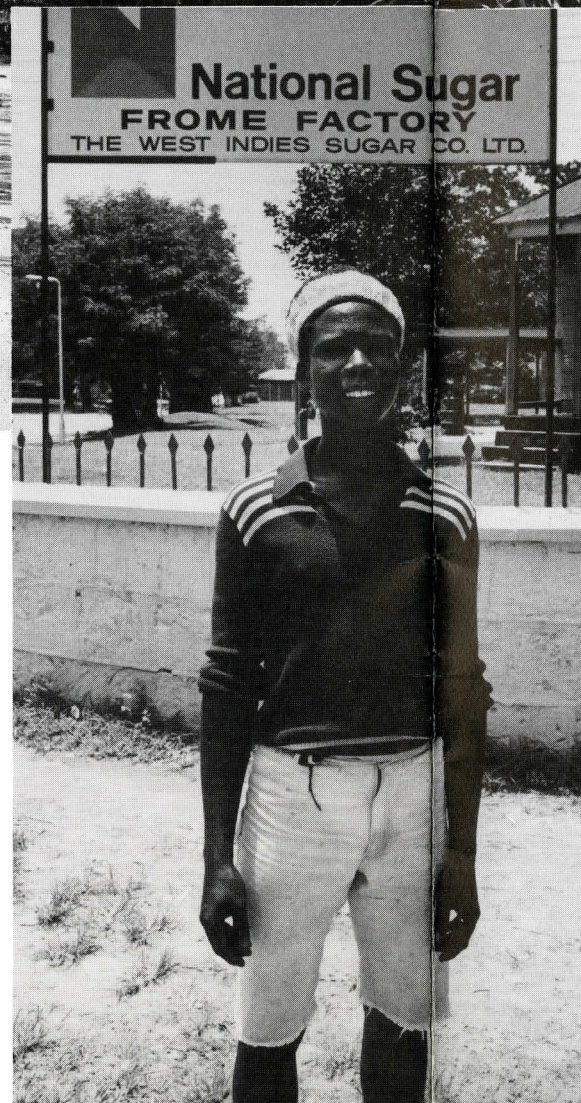




We are now in the  
Parish of Westmoreland.

This is a sugar cane field  
in Westmoreland.

Sugar is one of Jamaica's oldest  
industries



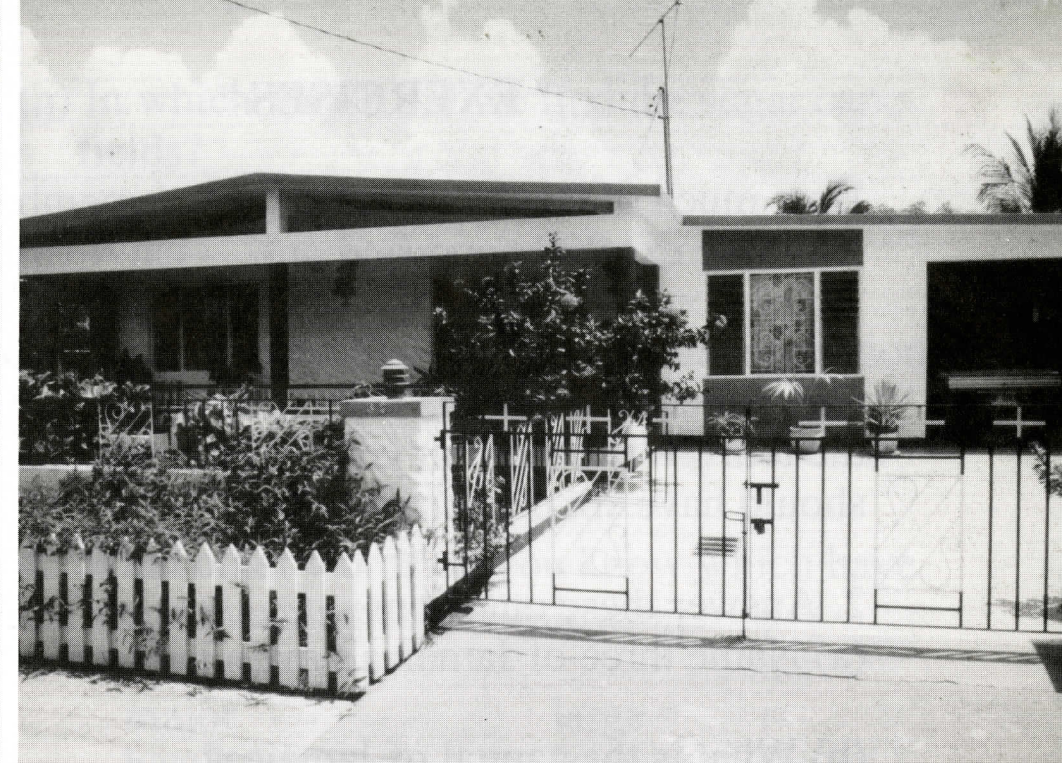
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The sugar cane is taken  
from the field to the factory.

The cane is turned into sugar  
at the factory.

Jamaica sells sugar to countries  
such as the United States of America,  
Britain and Canada.





Our journey ends in Negril  
in the Parish of Westmoreland.

Negril is famous because it has  
five miles of beautiful, sandy beaches.

Many new houses are being built  
at Negril.

We have come to the end  
of our journey with Rocky.



## EXERCISES

How much of Rocky's Tour do you remember?  
Do these exercises and find out.

1. Look at the map of Jamaica on pages 2 and 3.  
Can you find the towns and cities mentioned on  
the tour? Write them in your work book. You  
should have six place names.

2. Answer these questions:

(a) Name three of Jamaica's main industries.

(b) What is the capital of Jamaica?

(c) Name some of the things you can buy  
from Carmen's store.

(d) What is bauxite?

(e) Where is Dunns River Falls?

(f) Can you name three of the countries where  
tourists come from?

(g) In which Parish did we find the sugar cane  
fields?

(h) What is Negril famous for?

3. Now write the answers to the above questions  
in your work books. Write your answers in  
sentences.

4. What other words do you know which have  
the same meaning as the following?

major

large

beautiful

store

buy

Write the words in your work book.



## ALPHABETICAL WORD LIST

<b>Aa</b>	a, ackee, airport, along, aluminium, America, an, and, are, areas, as, at
<b>Bb</b>	bananas, banks, bauxite, beaches, because, being, beautiful, beauty, books, bracelets, breadfruits, Britain, business, built, busy, buy
<b>Cc</b>	called, can, Canada, cane, capital, Carmen, carvings, centre, city, clothes, coconuts, coffee, come, commerce, countries, craft
<b>Dd</b>	Delroy, department, Donald Sangster Airport, Dunns River Falls
<b>Ee</b>	earth, ends, exported
<b>Ff</b>	factory, famous, field, five, food, for, from, fruits, furniture
<b>Gg</b>	go, going
<b>Hh</b>	have, his, hospitals, hotels, houses
<b>Ii</b>	in, industry, industries, is, it
<b>Jj</b>	Jamaica, journey
<b>Kk</b>	Kingston
<b>Ll</b>	large, like, Linstead, live
<b>Mm</b>	made, main, major, man, manageress, many, market, miles, mine, mineral, Montego Bay, most, mountains, man
<b>Nn</b>	Negril, new, now
<b>Oo</b>	Ocho Rios, of, offices, oldest, on, one, other, our, over
<b>Pp</b>	Parish, people, purity
<b>Qq</b>	
<b>Rr</b>	road, Rocky
<b>Ss</b>	sandy, schools, scientist, selling, sells, shoes, shops, shows, some, sometimes, souvenir, song, spots, St Ann, store, street, such, sugar
<b>Tt</b>	taken, takes, tests, the, there, these, this, to, tour, tourism, tourists
<b>Uu</b>	us, United States of America
<b>Vv</b>	vegetables
<b>Ww</b>	we, Westmoreland, which, with, work
<b>Xx</b>	
<b>Yy</b>	yams, you
<b>Zz</b>	

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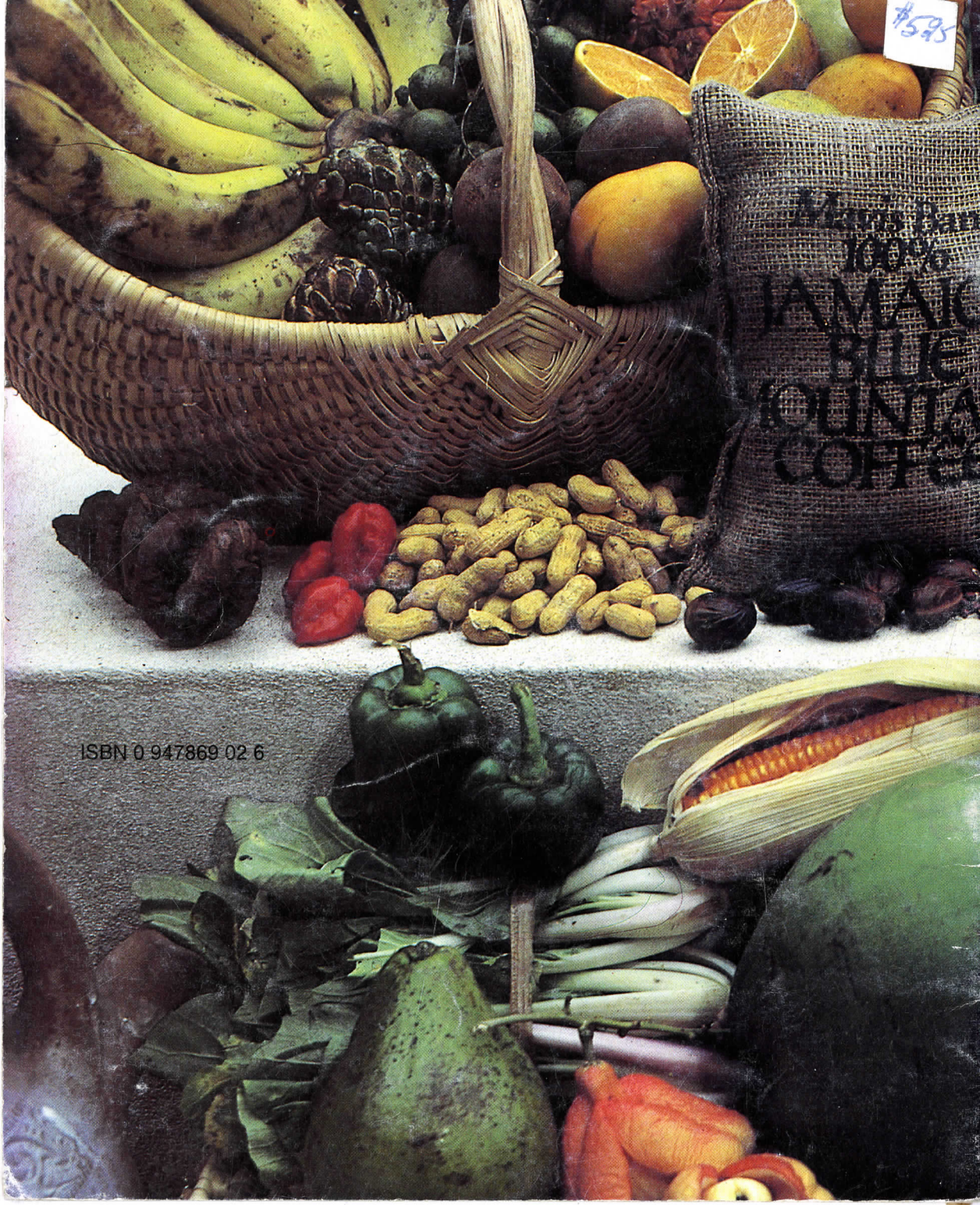
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